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New Faces
at Upper Uwchlan Township

Remember to VOTE!

★ MAY 17, 2022

On January 1st Upper Uwchlan Police Department

welcomed three new full-time officers to their ranks. All three officers were not strangers to the Township as all three were serving the Township as part-time officers when they were promoted.

- Officer Greg Hines comes to the Township from the **Chester County**
- Sheriff's Office and was also a part time officer for Valley Township and Upper Uwchlan.
- Officer Lyndsay Taylor was serving East Brandywine and Upper Uwchlan as a part-time officer.
- Officer Alexander Fleming was working in the IT profession and serving East Fallowfield and Upper Uwchlan as a parttime officer.

On February 15, 2022, the three new full-time Upper Uwchlan Township Police Department officers took their ceremonial oaths of office in front of their families, the Board of Supervisors, and the Upper Uwchlan community. Good luck and congratulations to Officer Greg Hines, Officer Lyndsay Taylor, and Officer Alexander Fleming! Thank you to the Honorable Paige Simmons, Magisterial District Judge, for administering the oaths of office. Please join us in welcoming our newest officers to their full-time positions.

Upper Uwchlan Township Police Department Names Its First Lieutenant

At their meeting on Monday, March 21st the Upper Uwchlan **Township Board of Supervisors appointed Detective** Tom Jones as the first Lieutenant of the Township's **Police Department.** Lt. Jones has been a member of the Police Department since 1992 and worked his way up from Patrolman to Detective and now to Lieutenant. Congratulations Lt. Jones and thank you for your exemplary service to the residents of Upper Uwchlan Township for the last 30 years and for your future service.





Andy Durkin is looking forward to serving Upper Uwchlan Township as a newly elected Supervisor. He and his wife Ann settled in Upper Uwchlan Township over 21 years ago, after purchasing and restoring one of the oldest homes in the township. They are raising four children who currently attend four different DASD schools.

Andy is a graduate of Lycoming College, with degrees in History and Sociology. He was a member of the nationally ranked football team while at Lycoming. Shortly after graduating, he accepted a sales position with Lindenmeyr Munroe, a paper and packaging distribution company. He has been with the company ever since, celebrating 25 years this past May. Throughout his career he has worked building relationships, managing supply chain needs, and collaborating with clients & suppliers to aid in their production process.

As one of eleven children, Andy has spent a lifetime learning to listen and work well with others. Volunteering, assisting others and getting involved have always been important to him. From the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, the Shamona Creek Home & School Association, or coaching countless youth sports teams, Andy has always found time to pitch in. He currently serves as President of the Marsh Creek Eagles youth football and cheer organization, one of the largest youth organizations in the area. He works closely with other volunteers and parents within the organization, to provide a safe and fun experience for children in our community. This includes the Marsh Creek Challenger program that provides an opportunity for children with special needs to participate in free on-field activities.

Andy & Ann love the area and feel Upper Uwchlan has been a great place to raise their family. As Township Supervisor, he looks forward to helping make responsible choices for our Township. Wetcome!

Our Township

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Officer David Stiteler Officer Lyndsay Taylor Officer Dan Zmuida

TOWNSHIP TELEPHONE NUMBERS:

Administration: 610-458-9400 Police Department: 610-458-5862

Boards & Commissions News

We'd like to bid Fond Farewells to **DEVDEEP MAITY, Historical Commission;** JOHN BREHANY, Historical Commission; and VALERIE BRAUCKMAN BURGESS, Technology Advisory Board

for your dedication and service to UUT!

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MICHAEL GROFF, to the Historical Commission

Dear Upper Uwchlan Residents:

The warmer days that Spring and Summer bring are here. Hopefully the COVID-19 pandemic is behind us as well. There are lots of exciting things happening in the Township.

The Board of Supervisors approved a contract with YSM Landscape Architects to prepare construction documents for improvements to Hickory Park. The improvements include 3 pickleball courts, a T-Ball field, relocation of the sand volleyball courts to allow for additional parking, reconfiguring the rugby field to allow shared usage of the field between rugby and cricket and lighting of one baseball field, the tennis courts, pickleball courts and the basketball courts. Documents should be completed in the fall of 2022 with the plans to bid out in early 2023.

The Upland Farm Barn Renovation project is wrapped up and programs and events will start using the facilities in early April. For more information on renting the facilities visit the Township website. The Park Road Bridge Project is still ongoing. The Township has been informed that the goal is to have the bridge finished in October. The Township will once again be hosting an egg hunt on Saturday, April 9th in Hickory Park. The newly formed Environmental Advisory Council (EAC) will be hosting an Earth Day event on April 23rd at Upland Farm. More details on the Egg Hunt and the Earth Day event are in this newsletter.

Please take the time to read this newsletter as it is full of important information. Thanks for your interest in the Township and please contact me if there is anything that I can do to assist you in the future.

Tony Scheivert

Elected Officials

County Commissioners:

Marian Moskowitz Michelle Kichline Josh Maxwell 313 W. Market Street Suite 6202 PO Box 2748 West Chester, PA 19380 610-344-6100 www.chesco.org

U.S. Senators: **Patrick Toomey**

www.toomey.senate.gov

Robert P. Casey, Jr. www.casey.senate.gov

State Senator (44th District): Katie J. Muth

717-576-0376 www.senatormuth.com U.S. Congressman (6th District): **Chrissy Houlahan** 610-883-5050 www.houlahan.house.gov

State Representative (155th District): **Danielle Friel Otten** 484-200-8259 www.pahouse.com/FrielOtten



Upper Uwchlan Township Earth Day Celebration!

Saturday, April 23 • 11am - 2pm

UPLAND FARM PARK
301 Pottstown Pike, Chester Springs, PA 19425



Mark your calendar! The new Upper Uwchlan Township Environmental Advisory Council is excited to host their first event, a celebration of Earth Day, on Saturday, April 23, 2022. The event will feature exhibits and vendors sharing sustainable and earth friendly tips, demos, and products. Bring the whole family and stop by anytime from 11 am – 2 pm for food, games, and the chance to learn something new about "going green."

Weather permitting, this event will be held outdoors. In the event of rain, the event will be held inside the Barn at Upland Farm.

Learn more at www.upperuwchlan-pa.gov/EarthDay



Green Drop

★ START SPRING CLEANING!

Environmental Advisory Council and GreenDrop

Used Item Drop Off Event!

Friday, May 20 10am - 1pm

UPLAND FARM PARK 301 Pottstown Pike Chester Springs, PA 19425

A great reason to start your spring cleaning!



Volunteer!

Would you love to help out? We are always in need of Volunteers. Just say Yes!

Save the Dates!



Easter Egg Hunt!

Saturday, April 9
Starts promptly at 11am



HICKORY PARK 351 Park Road, Downingtown, PA

Kids under 10 invited to attend and hunt for candy and prize filled eggs! Along with **your own** Easter basket, bring a non-perishable food donation for the



Items needed include cereal, canned fruit, and canned meat.



Recycle Right!

Curbside Single Stream Recycling

Your single stream recyclables should be placed loose (unbagged) in your recycling Toter. Items that don't fit in your Toter must be put in paper bags and placed next to the recycling Toter.

PAPER Newspapers, cardboard (break down and bind) paper bags, magazines and junk mail, phone

books, home/office paper, paper egg cartons, rinsed milk and juice cartons, clean pizzaboxes, and boxboard food packaging.



Containers marked #1—#5 and #7. Throw away caps and lids. Rinse thoroughly. 公会会会会



Food and drink cans, pie plates, clean aluminum foil. Rinse thoroughly. Empty aerosol cans.

GLASS

Clean food and drink bottles and jars. Throw away lids. Rinse thoroughly.



All trash that is placed in your garbage Toter must be secured in trash bags.



Food waste; light bulbs; mirrors, plate glass, KASM window glass, drinkware and crystal; ceramic cups and plates, flower pots, ovenware; caps/lids from recyclable containers; empty paint cans, empty oil cans and bottles: plastic food wrappers, plastic bags; wax or plastic coated boxes/paper, plastic and Tyvek envelopes; straws, tissues, towels, napkins, plasticware; Styrofoam/polystyrene; shoes and clothing; small construction materials; metallic paper.



NEW RULES on Extra Recycling:

EXCESS MATERIALS MUST BE BAGGED OR BOUND:

Any recyclables that do not fit in your Toter must be placed in paper bags. Cardboard boxes must be broken down and bound with twine.

NOTE: ALL BOX SPRINGS and MATTRESSES MUST be placed in plastic bags and put out at curbside the night before a Bulk collection day. If they are not in plastic bags, they WILL NOT be taken. Mattress Bags are sold at hardware stores and online.

CARPETS MUST BE CUT UP AND BOUND INTO 3' SECTIONS

and no more than one room at a time collected on BULK day.

Compost Leaves and Yard Waste: 36 Collections Annually - Wednesdays

Place leaves, grass clippings and yard waste in biodegradable paper bags or open containers. DO NOT use UUT Toters. DO NOT use plastic bags; these collections are composted. DO NOT overload bags. Tree limbs (no larger than 3" diameter and 3' long) must be bundled with string/twine. Place yard waste at the curb the night before collection to ensure it will be picked up.

April 6, 13, 20, 27

May 4, 11, 18, 25

June 8, 22, 29

July 13, 27

August 10, 24, 31

September 14, 21, 28

Trash & Recycling

UUT Toters are your PRIMARY containers for trash and recycling collection. Place Toters at the curb the night before your collection day, and at least 3 feet apart and away from mailboxes, cars and other obstacles.



Recycling **64 Gallon Toter Blue Lid**

Trash 96 Gallon Toter **Black Lid**

Bulk pick-up is the 3rd pick-up of the month.

DO NOT PUT CLEAN RECYCLING INTO PLASTIC BAGS - THEY ARE NOT RECYCLABLE!

Recycling is to be put directly into the recycling toter, UNBAGGED. If you put in plastic bags, it does not go into the single stream recycling, it's contaminated and goes to TRASH, DEFEATING the purpose of recycling and not helping the environment. Styrofoam is not recyclable.

SEE Chart for proper handling of recycling!

Bulk trash reminder: No construction material will be collected at any time. Do not put out for trash or bulk.

Box Springs and Mattresses must be placed in plastic bags for bulk collection, they will not be collected if they are not in bags.

All recyclables are to be placed directly into the recycling toter.



Recyclable materials include:

aluminum products, glass, plastic, cardboard, newspaper, magazines, periodicals, bulk mail, phone books.

Reminder: The Township is no longer legally allowed to collect e-waste such as televisions, computers, etc.

Please note: Yard waste is not considered trash and should NOT be put in with your trash. Use open containers (NO Attached lids) or brown compost bags. If yard waste is put in trash toter, it will not be taken.

The burning of recyclable materials, to include yard waste, trees, shrubs, leaves, garbage, etc. is strictly prohibited. Burning permits are no longer issued.



Reminder: No Open Burning is permitted in Upper Uwchlan Township.

Planning Commission Update

The Township is in the process of updating the Comprehensive Plan.

The update will document the Township vision for the years 2024 to 2034. The effort is led by the Planning Commission and is the combined effort of the various Township Departments, Boards, Commissions, and most importantly, the residents and businesses. A special website and email is being set up to provide additional information and a means for you to communicate with the Township on this matter. Also, please check the Township Calendar on the Township Website for the dates, times and Agenda of the monthly Board and Commission meetings and consider participating in this important task.

Stay tuned: More to come!



Did you know... Marsh Creek State Park hosts a variety of environmental events and education programs. To stay updated on the upcoming events this year, watch the DCNR calendar of events at events.dcnr.pa.gov. Events include hikes, birding, archery, paddling, and more.

Meet Jared Brandt! Jared is a Naturalist for French Creek and Marsh Creek state parks. He has a bachelor's degree from Lock Haven University where he studied Recreation Management. Jared enjoys a wide variety of outdoor pursuits including birding, fishing, hiking, and interacting with the public to help them connect with nature. Jared is pleased to invite the Upper Uwchlan community to visit the Park and enjoy the beauty of the outdoors right here in the Township.

Junior Police Academy

June 20-24, 2022

The Upper Uwchlan Township Police Department is affording the young people of our community, ages 12 -15, an opportunity to experience Law Enforcement firsthand. Students will learn the basic functions of a Police Department as well as have a chance to observe other **Emergency Services.**

The Academy will be held at Upper Uwchlan Township building which is located at 140 Pottstown Pike, Chester Springs, PA 19425. Classes will begin at 8:30 a.m. and end at 3:30 p.m. There is no cost to attend the academy. Snacks and lunch will be provided every day.

Activity Highlights Include:

- Police Patrol Vehicles
- · Canine Demonstration
- Crime Scene Processing
- Fire, Rescue and EMS Display
- SWAT Display, Chester County **Emergency Response Team**
- Court Room Visit, District Court 15-2-07
- Visit to Chester County Department of Emergency Services
- Visit to Chester County's Public Safety Campus including Tactical Village



There will be a Luncheon and Graduation Ceremony on the afternoon of the last day of the Academy. The families of the graduates are invited to attend. This will be held at Upland Farm at 301 Pottstown Pike Chester Springs, PA 19425.

To receive an application after April 4, e-mail: jmartin@upperuwchlan-pa.gov

All applications must be submitted no later than May 13, 2022. Space is limited so applications will be accepted on a first come, first serve basis.

Completed Applications can be emailed to: jmartin@upperuwchlan-pa.gov or dropped off in person at the Upper **Uwchlan Police Department.**



@upperuwchlanpd

Thefts from **Vehicles**

With the warm weather months approaching, the area will experience a significant rise in thefts from vehicles, especially those parked in residential areas. Residents need to take preventive measures to ensure that they are not the victim of these crimes. Vehicles become an easy target for thieves. Report all suspicious activity to police.



Here are some helpful hints:

- Lock your doors
- Remove your keys from vehicle
- Do not leave a spare key near your vehicle
- Install an alarm system and a tracking system
- Do not leave any valuables in your car
- Park your vehicle in a well-lit area

★ SUMMER CAMP FUN!





Summer Fun Awaits!

PLAN NOW FOR YOUR CHILDREN'S SUMMER FUN

If you would like more information or to register, visit www.station87.com, contact us at 610-363-1067, x. 41 or email JWerner@Station87.com

70 West Welsh Pool Road, Exton PA, 19341

Uwchlan Ambulance is a private non-profit organization and is funded by the communities they serve! Subscribe today to save in the future!



Uwchlan Ambulance Corps does not receive funding from recurring taxes. Our existence depends on charging for services, offering subscriptions, township contributions and generous donations from citizens like you.

Subscriptions are offered to the more than 60,000 residents that

are in our primary coverage area. As a subscriber, you will not be responsible for any fee charged by UAC for 911 emergency ambulance services that is not covered by your insurance.

Be a Good Stormwater Neighbor

Examining the quality of a stream or waterway can be done in many ways and with different levels of technicality. In recent years, flooding has become increasingly dangerous and devastating in Chester County and across the country. In fact, flooding is the most prevalent natural disaster in Pennsylvania, causing over \$1 million worth of property damage annually.



Chester County has 2,300 miles of streams and around 250 problem areas of known flooding. Many smaller flooding issues cause erosion and flooded basements on residential properties. Although these statistics are alarming, there are ways residents can help prevent flooding and be good stormwater neighbors to each other.

Being a good stormwater neighbor means carrying out practices on your property to help mitigate flooding, while not disrupting the property and boundaries of your neighbors. The most important thing to remember is that stormwater does not follow property lines. Even if you and your neighbors have fences, the outflow of water will go wherever it wants. This can lead to neighbor disputes, which should be handled with cooperation and open communication. To avoid conflicts, familiarize yourself with how rainwater and snow melt flow onto your property. Look for entrances, exits and problem areas where flooding occurs. Flow should be redirected into vegetated areas that slow down the water and infiltrate water and pollutants. If you live near a stream, drainage swale, or pond, you can plant a riparian buffer along the edge of the water. This will prevent erosion on your property and improve water quality.

An easy place to start is to ensure that all the existing stormwater structures on your property are functioning properly. Check if drains from driveways and downspouts are clear of debris and flowing properly. Make sure not to hose off pathways and try sweeping instead, so debris doesn't flow into your drains. Clean stormwater grates in front of your home after cutting the grass or raking leaves. Yard waste blocks stormwater grates and reduces oxygen in the water which causes dead zones. Finally, be sure that culverts are not blocked by trash or woody debris.

Some other techniques to try at home include planting rain gardens, installing rain barrels, and creating dry wells to infiltrate water to recharge groundwater. Simple practices, maintenance, and repairs like these can go a long way to reduce flooding on your property. If your community works together, flood mitigation is possible.

To learn more about what you can do at home visit **www.cwmp.org** and check out the up to date calendar of events, webinars and more. For more information about stormwater management in Upper Uwchlan,

visit www.upperuwchlan-pa.gov/stormwater

By Christina Kundrat, Watershed Conservation Intern, Brandywine Red Clay Alliance, www.brandywineredclay.org





Report a Pot Hole

Everyone hates potholes. Unfortunately, they are a fact of life in Pennsylvania, thanks to our severe freeze/thaw cycle.

State Roads:

Route 100 (Pottstown Pike), Graphite Mine Road, Byers Road, Little Conestoga Road, Dorlan Mill Road and Route 401:

Go to www.pendot.gov and "Submit Concern" or customercare.penndot.gov

Township Roads:

Go to upperuwchlan-pa.gov and "Report a Concern"

Clothes Dryer Safety



Cleaning out your clothes dryer vent probably isn't at the top of your priority list of things to do around the house. It's not something that has to be done often, but it has a bigger impact than you may realize.

When you run your dryer, air is pulled in through a large hole in the front of the housing, heated, and circulated throughout the dryer. The heated air that is used to dry your clothes needs somewhere to escape and goes into an exhaust vent that leads outside of your home.

Your lint catcher doesn't grab every single particle that goes through the dryer, and it can lead to a buildup of lint in your exhaust tubing and dryer vent. When this happens, the hot air gets backed up, and it can lead to a host of problems.

According to the U.S. Fire Administration and Homeland Security, over 40 dryers per day catch fire in the United States.

Obstructed dryer vents may also cause CO2 build up, higher energy bills and shortened life of your appliance. A simple cleaning will eliminate this risk and leave your dryer in good shape for up to a year for an average user. If you notice these signs or haven't had your dryer vent system cleaned in over a year, it is time to have this done.

We recommend calling a professional to help with this if you've never done it, to make sure the job is done right, and your home is safe.

Finance Department



You can easily pay your Solid Waste (Trash) and Sewer bills on-line on our website. There is a nominal fee that is charged by the credit card service we use, but your payment will reach us faster and you will save an envelope and a stamp.

Your login credentials (account number and PIN) are located on the upper left-hand side of your bill.

Follow these steps:

Go to: Upperuwchlan-pa.gov

How do I? – Pay my bills - to view your account activity or pay your bill.



OR you can set up Auto Pay with your bank, so your payments are sent automatically for you! Notify your bank that you would like to set up Auto Pay. They will need your account number and our payee info which can be found on the bottom of your bills.

Set up to send 10 days before the due dates (see schedule below) and never have to remember to pay the bill and never get a late fee!



OR pay in advance! Instead of paying one quarter at a time, consider paying 4 quarters or 2 quarters ahead. Pay semi-annually, or annually, and save some time!

2022		
Sewer Bill		
Schedule		

Bills Mailed Middle of:	Payments Due:
January	February 28
April	May 31
July	August 31
October	November 30

Municipal Tax Collection

Upper Uwchlan Township municipal real estate taxes are collected by the Chester County Treasurer's Office, and can be reached at 610-344-6370

Payment Methods

Payment of your 2022 Township real estate taxes can be remitted to the County by mail, bank bill pay, at any Chester County branch of S&T Bank, in person at the County Treasurer's Office, or online at www.chesco.org/treasurer. Find details about the payment methods on the back of your bill.

If you have previously set up automatic payment through your bank or mortgage company, double check the payee and payment address with that company to ensure proper payment.

Hydrant Fee

The Upper Uwchlan Township hydrant fee is charged to property owners who have a fire hydrant within 780 feet of their property. The fee covers maintenance of and water service to the hydrants. If applicable to your property, this fee will appear as a line item on your Township real estate tax bill.



